

**Beatrice's Goat**  
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Show the video or read the story to the class, pausing throughout for questions. Differentiated activities are also included.

Sample comprehension questions:

- 1) Where does Beatrice live?  
Uganda, Africa
- 2) What type of house does she live in?  
A mud house (with a steel roof)
- 3) Is Beatrice's house old or new?  
New

***Before they receive the goat...***

- 4) What jobs did Beatrice do before the goat Mugisa arrived?  
Plant the fields; tend the chickens; mind the younger children; grind cassava flour (cassava is a woody shrub native to South America)
- 5) Did Beatrice go to school?  
No
- 6) Did she want to go to school? Why?  
Yes (accept various responses for why from children).
- 7) Why do you think she couldn't go to school?  
Her parents couldn't afford books or a uniform.
- 8) Did Beatrice think a goat was a good gift? Why?  
No, because it couldn't do the jobs around the house (eg. start the cooking fire, cleaning clothes, mind the children)
- 9) What would Beatrice's job be?  
To look after the goat.
- 10) What did they have to do before the goat arrived?  
Plant pastures (grass for food) and build a shed for the goat.

***After the goat arrived...***

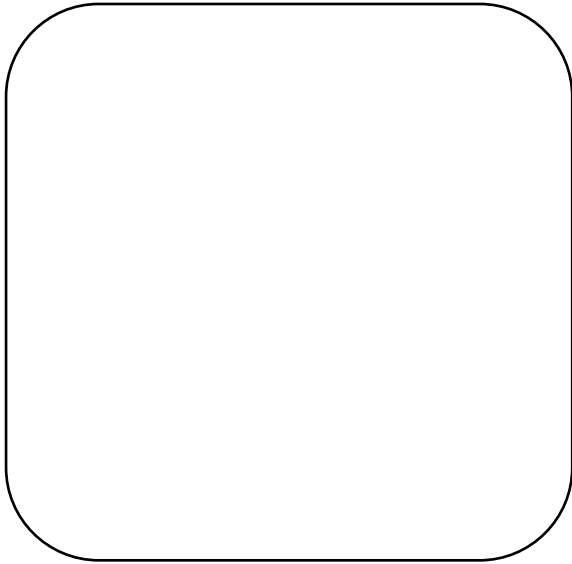
- 11) Why did they name the goat Mugisa?  
Mugisa means luck and the goat was a lucky gift.
- 12) How many kids did Mugisa have?  
Two
- 13) What healthy drink did Mugisa give the family?  
Milk
- 14) What did they do with the leftover milk?  
They sold it at the market.
- 15) What would they use the money for?  
New clothes and blankets for the bed.
- 16) Why was Mama happy?  
They had enough money to send Beatrice to school.
- 17) How did they get money to build a new, strong house?  
They sold one of the kids.
- 18) Do you think the goat was a good gift? Why?  
Various answers.

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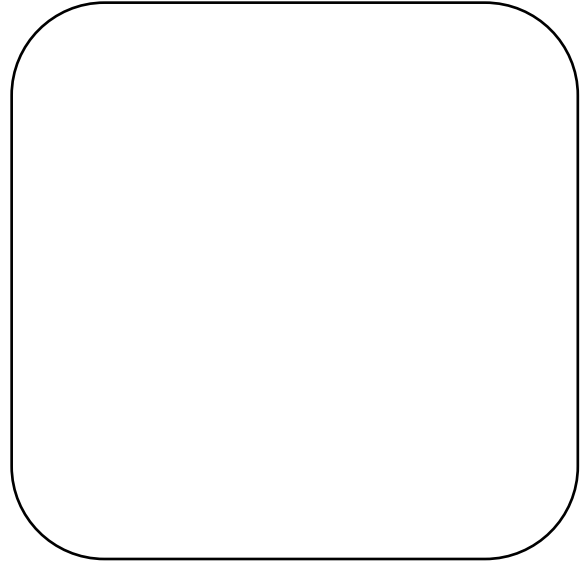
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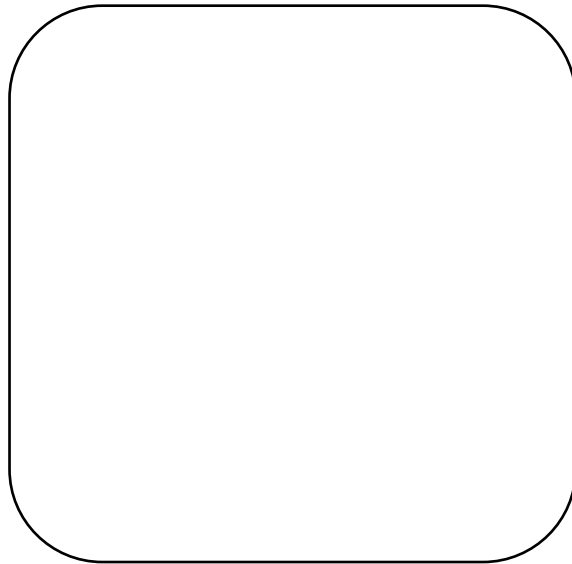
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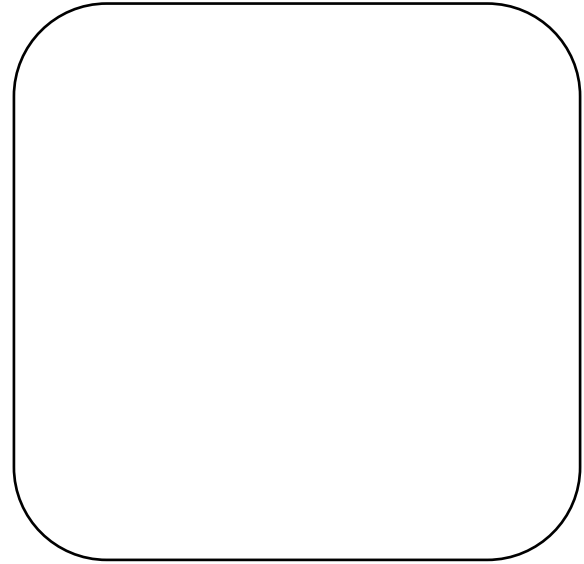
Milk to drink



New clothes and blankets



School books and uniforms



A new house

Do you think the goat was a good gift? Why?

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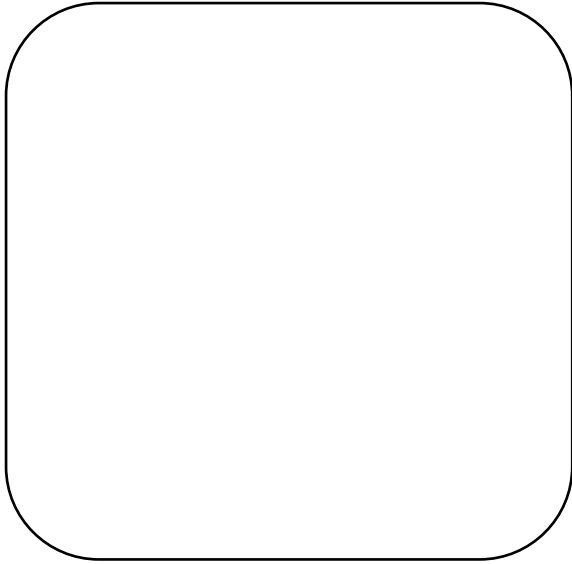
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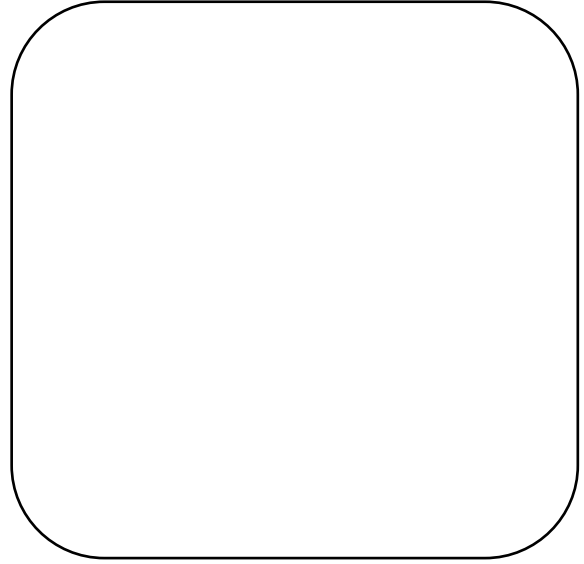
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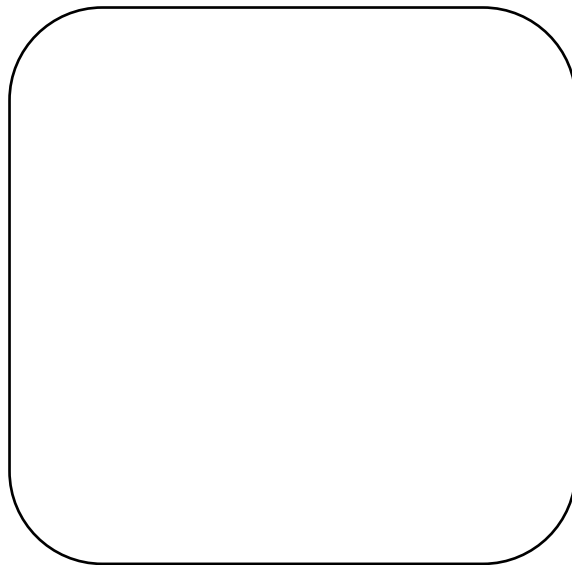
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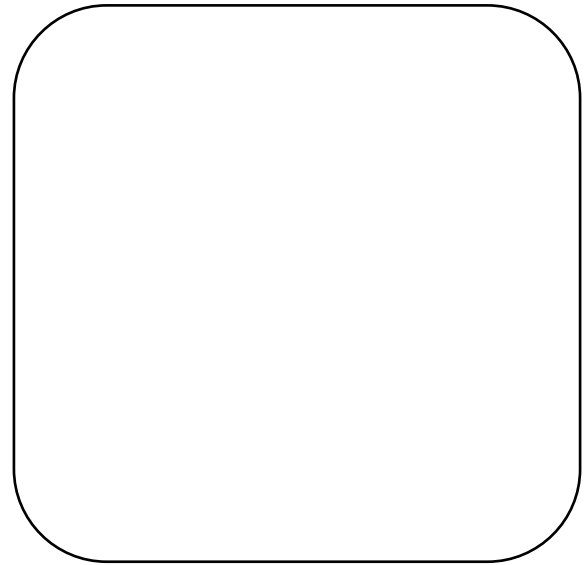
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